

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended)      A method comprising:  
    detecting a fault in a monitored component in a first system;  
    determining that a first communications interface cannot send an alert message regarding the fault; and  
    sending the alert message regarding the fault through a second communications interface to a proxy system for forwarding to a management system, the second communications interface communicably coupling the first system to the proxy system through a private network.
2. (Currently Amended)      The method of claim 1, wherein the first communications interface comprises a network interface configured to send alert messages to [[a]] the management system.
3. (Currently Amended)      The method of claim 1, wherein the second communications interface comprises a network interface configured to send alert messages to [[a]] the proxy system.
4. (Original)      The method of claim 3 wherein the second communications interface comprises a wireless network interface.
5. (Original)      The method of claim 4, wherein the wireless network interface substantially conforms to the IEEE 802.11 protocol.
6. (Original)      The method of claim 3, wherein the second communications interface comprises a wired network interface.
7. (Original)      The method of claim 3, wherein second communications interface comprises an Intelligent Chassis Management Bus.

8. (Currently Amended) A device comprising:
- a processor;
  - a memory coupled to the processor;
  - a first communications interface coupled to the processor and configured to send alert messages to a management system; and
  - a second communications interface coupled to the processor and configured to send alert messages to a proxy system, the second communications interface communicably coupling the device to the proxy system through a private network;
- wherein the processor is operable to:
- generate an alert message,
  - determine that the first communications interface is unable to send the alert message, and
  - send the alert message through the second communications interface to the proxy system.
9. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 8, wherein the first communications interface comprises a network interface.
10. (Original) The device of claim 8, wherein the second communications interface comprises a network interface.
11. (Original) The device of claim 10 wherein the second communications interface comprises a wireless network interface.
12. (Original) The device of claim 11, wherein the wireless network interface substantially conforms to the IEEE 802.11 protocol.
13. (Original) The device of claim 8, wherein the second communications interface comprises a wired network interface.

14. (Original) The device of claim 8, wherein the second communications interface comprises an Intelligent Chassis Management Bus.

15. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable media having machine executable instructions for performing a method comprising:

detecting a fault in a monitored component in a first system;

determining that a first communications interface cannot send an alert message regarding the fault; and

sending the alert message regarding the fault through a second communications interface to a proxy system for forwarding to a management system, the second communications interface communicably coupling the first system to the proxy system through a private network.

16. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable media of claim 15, wherein the first communications interface comprises a network interface configured to send alert messages to [[a]] the management system.

17. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable media of claim 15, wherein the second communications interface comprises a network interface configured to send alert messages to [[a]] the proxy system.

18. (Original) The machine-readable media of claim 17 wherein the second communications interface comprises a wireless network interface.

19. (Original) The machine-readable media of claim 18, wherein the wireless network interface substantially conforms to the IEEE 802.11 protocol.

20. (Original) The machine-readable media of claim 17, wherein the second communications interface comprises a wired network interface.

21. (Original) The machine-readable media of claim 17, wherein second communications interface comprises an Intelligent Chassis Management Bus.

22. (Currently Amended) A system comprising  
a monitored computer system communicably coupled to a first private network and a second private network, said monitored system operable to:  
detect that an alert message cannot be sent to the management system through the first private network and  
send the alert message to the proxy system through the second network; and  
a proxy system communicably coupled to the first private network and the second private network and operable to receive the alert message from the monitored system on the second private network and to forward the alert message to a management system communicably coupled to the first private network.

23. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 22 wherein the first private network comprises a wired network;

24. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 22 wherein the second private network comprises a wireless network.

25. (Original) The system of claim 24, wherein the wireless network comprises a Bluetooth network.

26. (Original) The system of claim 24, wherein the wireless network substantially conforms to a version of the IEEE 802.11 protocol.

27. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 22, wherein the second private network comprises an Intelligent Chassis Management Bus.